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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Confirmation No. 1700  
Kudrna et al. Art Unit: 3734  
Application No. 10/728,741 Examiner: Michael Mendoza  
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For: LANCE DEVICE AND METHOD

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.